

fiscal year thereafter, the court, in any criminal case (other than a case in which the defendant is represented by assigned counsel paid for by the public) pending on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 26, 1997], may award to a prevailing party, other than the United States, a reasonable attorney's fee and other litigation expenses, where the court finds that the position of the United States was vexatious, frivolous, or in bad faith, unless the court finds that special circumstances make such an award unjust. Such awards shall be granted pursuant to the procedures and limitations (but not the burden of proof) provided for an award under section 2412 of title 28, United States Code. To determine whether or not to award fees and costs under this section, the court, for good cause shown, may receive evidence ex parte and in camera (which shall include the submission of classified evidence or evidence that reveals or might reveal the identity of an informant or undercover agent or matters occurring before a grand jury) and evidence or testimony so received shall be kept under seal. Fees and other expenses awarded under this provision to a party shall be paid by the agency over which the party prevails from any funds made available to the agency by appropriation. No new appropriations shall be made as a result of this provision."

GOVERNMENT RATES OF TRAVEL FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ACT ATTORNEYS AND EXPERTS

Pub. L. 102-572, title VII, §702, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4515, provided that: "The Administrator of General Services, in entering into contracts providing for special rates to be charged by Federal Government sources of supply, including common carriers and hotels (or other commercial providers of lodging) for official travel and accommodation of Federal Government employees, shall provide for charging the same rates for attorneys, experts, and other persons traveling primarily in connection with carrying out responsibilities under section 3006A of title 18, United States Code, including community defender organizations established under subsection (g) of that section."

STUDY OF FEDERAL DEFENDER PROGRAM

Pub. L. 101-650, title III, §318, Dec. 1, 1990, 104 Stat. 5116, as amended by Pub. L. 102-198, §9, Dec. 9, 1991, 105 Stat. 1626, directed Judicial Conference of the United States to conduct a study of effectiveness of Federal defender program and to transmit a report on results of study to Committees on the Judiciary of Senate and House of Representatives no later than Mar. 31, 1993, with report to include recommendations for legislation, a proposed formula for compensation of Federal defender program counsel, and suggestions for procedural and operational changes by courts.

FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION AND
REIMBURSEMENT

Pub. L. 101-45, title II, §102, June 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 122, provided in part: "That compensation and reimbursement of attorneys and others as authorized under section 3006A of title 18, United States Code, and section 1875(d) of title 28, United States Code, may hereinafter be paid from funds appropriated for 'Defender Services' in the year in which payment is required."

CERTIFICATION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICE OF UNITED STATES COURTS OF PAYMENT
OF OBLIGATED EXPENSES

Pub. L. 95-144, §5(c), Oct. 28, 1977, 91 Stat. 1222, provided that: "The Attorney General shall certify to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts those expenses which it is obligated to pay on behalf of an indigent offender under section 3006A of title 18, United States Code, and similar statutes."

POWER AND FUNCTION OF A UNITED STATES
COMMISSIONER

Pub. L. 91-447, §2, Oct. 14, 1970, 84 Stat. 920, provided that a United States commissioner for a district could

exercise any power, function, or duty authorized to be performed by a United States magistrate under the amendments made by section 1 of Pub. L. 91-447, which amended this section, if such commissioner had authority to perform such power, function, or duty prior to the enactment of such amendments.

SUBMISSION OF PLANS

Pub. L. 88-455, §3, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 554, directed each district court to submit a plan in accord with section 3006A of this title and the rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States to the judicial council of the circuit within 6 months from Aug. 20, 1964, further directed each judicial council to approve and send to the Administrative Office of the United States courts a plan for each district in its circuit within 9 months from Aug. 20, 1964, and also directed each district court and court of appeals to place its approved plan in operation within 1 year from Aug. 20, 1964.

§ 3007. **Motions—(Rule)**

SEE FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Motions substituted for pleas in abatement and special pleas in bar, rule 12.

Form and contents, rule 47.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 814.)

§ 3008. **Service and filing of papers—(Rule)**

SEE FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Requirement and manner of service; notice of orders; filing papers, rule 49.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 815.)

§ 3009. **Records—(Rule)**

SEE FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Keeping of records by district court clerks and magistrate judges, rule 55.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 815; Pub. L. 90-578, title III, §301(a)(4), Oct. 17, 1968, 82 Stat. 1115; Pub. L. 101-650, title III, §321, Dec. 1, 1990, 104 Stat. 5117.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1968—Pub. L. 90-578 substituted "magistrates" for "commissioners".

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Words "magistrate judges" substituted for "magistrates" in text pursuant to section 321 of Pub. L. 101-650, set out as a note under section 631 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

§ 3010. **Exceptions unnecessary—(Rule)**

SEE FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Objections substituted for exceptions, rule 51.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 815.)

§ 3011. **Computation of time—(Rule)**

SEE FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Computation: enlargement; expiration of term; motions and affidavits; service by mail, rule 45.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 815.)

[§ 3012. Repealed. Pub. L. 98-473, title II, § 218(a)(2), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2027]

Section, act June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 815, related to orders respecting prisoners or persons in custody.